GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4946
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
FINANCIAL MISAPPROPRIATION IN SALEM SUB-CIRCLE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred for the Salem sub-circle monuments protected by ASI during each of the last three years so far, monument-wise;

(b) whether financial misappropriation took place in Salem sub-circle;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the erring officials;

(d) whether the Superintending Archaeologist, Chennai Circle had given any explanation for the occurrence of such misappropriation of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) The expenditure incurred on the conservation and maintenance of the centrally protected monuments in the Salem Sub-Circle of Chennai Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years is as per the annexure.

A case of financial misappropriation was detected by an official of the Chennai Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India during a surprise check of the Salem Sub Circle.

The Conservation Assistant in charge of Salem Sub-Circle has been placed under suspension. The case has been referred to the CBI for investigation.

Annexure referred to in reply to part `a` of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4946 replied to on 19.4.2001.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY SALEM SUB CIRCLE OF CHENNAI SUB-CIRCLE DURING LAST THREE YEARS:

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1. Muruganathaswamy Temple Triumruganpooni	2,67,185/-	4,61,097/-	2,93,638/-
2. Hill Fort and Temple, Chinnakavandanur	3,959/-	4,14,112/-	3,78,673/-
3. Sugreswara Temple,Sircarperiyapalayam	nil	2,25,800/-	Nil
4. Narashimaswamy Temple, Namakkal.	2,51,247/-	53,136/-	39,982/-
5. Ranganatha Swamy Temple Sircarperiyapalayam	20,149/-	19,942/-	5,62,573/-
6. Hill Fort Namakkal	3,207/-	1,971/-	1,810/-
7 Sugriswaraswamy Temple Sircarperiyapalayam	32,970/-	21,724/-	4,815/-
8. Fort Attur	26,831/-	64,580/-	1,36,480/-
9. Jain Temple, Mettupudur	4,139/-	3,473/-	4,300/-
10. Chennaryaperumal Temple Adiyamankottai	13,390/-	4,958/-	8,196/-
11. Fort Royakottai	8,045/-	2,971/-	1,940/-

12. Fort Krishnagiri	nil	4,588/-	1,934/-